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HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE.

Graiz Bros'. Clothing Store Burned and the Building Badly Damaged.

Saturday night about 10 o'clock the clothing store of Graiz Bros., was burned to the ground. The fire company responded to call promptly and made a hard fight for more than an hour, preventing the spreading of the flames to adjacent buildings. Practically nothing was saved, however, in the clothing store. In the shoe and women's furnishings department no direct damage was done by fire, but the goods were badly damaged by soot, smoke and heat. These departments are in the store to the west of the clothing store. There is an archway connection near the front, but fortunately the fire seems to have had its origin in the rear of the clothing store. The two story brick wall between made it impossible for the flames to reach the shoe store except through the archway in front. The heat was sufficient, however, to break the plate glass in the front of the west building.

The origin of the fire is not known. Evidently it began in the rear of the clothing store, and the proprietors are under the impression that it might have come from defective wiring. The store had not been closed more than twenty minutes when the discovery was made. How the fire could have made so much progress in so short a time is one of the inexplicable things. The past-board cover seems to have carried the fire and dropped it upon the shelves below. The piles of clothing upon the tables were charred to the bottom.

The damage to the building is believed to be fully covered by insurance. There was two thousand dollars insurance on the building and three hundred on the shelving and fixtures. The amount of insurance on the stock is not known but it is thought to be about \$14,000, or less than half the estimated value of the stock. The books and papers, including about \$5,000 worth of coal orders were recovered after the fire.

This firm is perhaps the oldest business concern in this city. The business was established by Morris Graiz in 1855. This is the first serious disaster it has encountered.

Annual Election.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Traders Bank was held at the bank building Monday from 9 to 3 o'clock. The old directory was re-elected as follows: Judge Wm. G. McCausland, B. R. Ireland, John E. Burden, William Aull, David A. Slusher, Upton Wilson, Jackson Bradley, Lee J. Slusher, Thomas Walton, John Chamberlain, J. G. Orenshaw, John Slusher, and E. N. Hopkins. Upon the certification of the return the new board was organized by the re-election of the old officers: W. G. McCausland, president; Lee J. Slusher, vice president; J. G. Orenshaw, secretary; B. R. Ireland, cashier; John Chamberlain, assistant cashier; Miss Willmon Edwards, assistant bookkeeper.

The directors declared the usual semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent and ordered the balance of the net earnings of the past six months distributed to the accounts of permanent surplus, undivided profits, and interest and exchange.

Annual Dividend—Commercial Bank.

At a meeting of the directors of the Commercial Bank Wednesday the regular annual dividend of 8 per cent was declared and the remainder of the earnings of the past year was distributed to the accounts of Interest and Exchange and Permanent Surplus. The latter fund is now \$40,000.

Annual Meeting Stockholders Lexington Savings Bank.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lexington Savings Bank Wednesday the old board was re-elected as follows: Walter B. Waddell, Frank Nicholson, E. Hoffman, Sanford Sellers, Irving Tevis, W. D. Bankin, F. Lee Wallace. The board was organized by electing the same officers as last year: Walter B. Waddell, Presi-

dent and Acting Cashier; Sanford Sellers, Vice President; Irving Tevis, Assistant Cashier; F. Lee Wallace, Teller and Bookkeeper; Will Groves, Assistant Bookkeeper.

The usual semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent was declared, and it was ordered that \$1,500 be put to the permanent surplus and \$5,000 to the undivided profits.

Annual Election Morrison-Wentworth Bank.

The stockholders of the Morrison-Wentworth Bank met at the bank building Wednesday and elected the following directors for the ensuing year: Richard Field, Geo. M. Catron, F. T. Bates, L. W. Cox, William Morrison, Samuel J. Andrew, Barnett Young, F. R. Howe, Rufus Young. The new board was organized by the election of the following officers: Richard Field, President; Geo. M. Catron, Vice President; Samuel J. Andrew, Cashier; Barnett Young, Bookkeeper.

A semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent was declared out of the net earnings of the bank for the past six months.

I. O. O. F. Installation.

A joint installation of the two I. O. O. F. lodges of this city was held Tuesday evening, Henry Sinauer being the installing officer in both instances.

The officers of Orion Lodge are as follows: L. C. Yates, N. G.; Albert Dardinell, V. G.; Jo. A. Wilson, Secretary; John Taubman, Treasurer.

The officers of Gutenberg Lodge are: John Rosewell, N. G.; William Hurst, V. G.; Jos. Talbot, Secretary; H. C. Gelzer, Treasurer.

K. of P. Installation.

The Lexington Lodge K of P installed their newly elected officers Thursday night, as follows: Felix Buellens, C. C.; John McDermott, V. C.; Benj. Vocat, Prelate; Butler Talbot, M. of W.; Elias Spruce, K. of R. S.; M. Ladeson, M. of E.; James Canoin, Master-at-Arms; Emil Burkson, Inner Guard; Joseph Minne, Outer Guard.

After the installation a banquet was served in the hall by William Palmer.

Gilkerson-Sweet.

H. B. Gilkerson of Wichita, Kansas, and Miss Susie Sweet of New Rochelle, New York, were married at the home of the bride Jan. 5th. They arrived here Thursday evening and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. McGrew. Mr. and Mrs. Gilkerson will make their home in Wichita, where Mr. Gilkerson is in business.

West Point Man at W. M. A.

The Wentworth Military Academy has been very fortunate in securing the services of Lieut. A. W. Smith of the 9th Cavalry as teacher of English and instructor in winter gymnasium work. Lieut. Smith is a graduate of West Point in the class of 1904. He has given courses in athletics to his squadron and is known as one of the best polo players in the army. This is the first opportunity the cadets have had of getting regular gymnasium instruction during the cold months, and the character of the work is such that all cadets will have the benefit of it. Lieut. Smith entered upon his duties Thursday.

To Go Out of Business.

The grocery firm of Eggleston & Ewing, after a successful business experience of seventeen years in this city, is going out of business. The stock will be closed out at once. Neither member of the firm has any immediate business plans for the future.

FOR SALE, or exchange for city property, five quarter sections—800 acres—of unimproved good wheat land in Greely County Kansas, near the Missouri Pacific railroad. Also 1,000 acres of mineral and farm land in Morgan County Missouri.

R. TONHUNTER.

Mrs. H. H. Wessendorf, her two daughters, Misses Pearl and Grace, and Miss Laura Daehler returned to their home in Los Angeles Wednesday morning, after a three month's visit here with Wessendorf's mother, Mrs. Henry Winkler.

The Proposed Suburban Line.

The instinct of self preservation urges the people of Lexington at least to maintain its present trade territory. The development of mines at a distance from Lexington so great as to tempt the miners to large numbers to make their homes in the immediate vicinity of the mines suggests the importance and the urgency of providing means of transportation to these places to prevent the growth of camps into towns which might divert much retail trade and depreciate property values here. The proposed motor line from Lexington to the mines south of town would doubtless result in increasing the population of the city by two thousand people in three or four years. And this new population would principally consist of the more provident, thrifty class of mine workers, who would want for their children the benefit of our schools.

There can be little doubt that a motor line such as is projected would be found profitable not only to the community as a social organism but to the individuals who make the investment. It would prove the beginning of a career of expansion. In less than five years this line would doubtless be extended to the C & A. railroad and perhaps other lines in other directions started. The trade territory to the south of us and to the west of us could be greatly enlarged in this way and the disadvantage which Lexington has suffered since steamboat days could be largely overcome. These steps would not be inconsistent with the longtime ambition of bridging the river, but would rather lead to it. By no course of reasoning can it be maintained that inertia will prove profitable to us. The rapid growth of the towns in the mineral belt of southwestern Missouri and south western Kansas is to be attributed in large measure to the energy with which the people set themselves to the solution of the same problem that is presented to us. If this is a profitable mining country let the people of Lexington see to it that this city is made the center of this community and let them push out radiating lines of transportation to any neighboring district which capital seeks to develop.

Notice.

From this date on I will prosecute all parties found trespassing or hunting with dogs or guns on my farm. Take warning, keep off.

C. BESSENGER.

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Public Sale.

George W. Loorey will hold a public sale of live stock and farm implements on the Jack Slusher farm near Northrup Tuesday, January 15. The sale including some fine brood mares and other horses, some hogs, and farm implements.

Letter List.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice, at Lexington, Mo. January 12, 1907.

James Allen, Mrs. J. C. Bryant, Miss Lydia Braun, Opal Bryan Monard, Jim Davis col, L. D. Davis, Mrs. Ollie Douglass, Mrs. Minnie Ford, W. M. Gray, Lafayette Green, Jessie George, Delona Herdick, Miss Maudie Jackson, Miss Elize Jonson, Mr. Dave Johnson, M. E. Lawson, Jack Lophan, J. W. McLead, Thomas H. Paterson, Miss Earmy Phillip, James Raynes, Roy Sheeby, Miss Mary Scronge, J. W. Sublette, Master Homer Thomas, Thos. Tucker Mrs. Lela Tucker, Mrs. Katie Waters, Frank Williams, Miss Bettie White, Jos. B. Young.

When calling for these please say they were advertised.

DELIA CROWDER, Postmaster.

For Sale.

9 colonies of bees, several good milch cows, 3 heifers, a lot of farming implements, 3 good work horses, 1 buggy. CHAS. WILLIAMSON, John G. Burden place near the cemetery. d&wt8

Miss Florence Becker of Columbia, Mo., arrived Wednesday evening for a visit with relatives.

County Court Proceedings.

The new County Court met in regular session Monday, present Presiding Judge Joseph B. Hagood, Associate Judges J. S. Klingenberg and E. Meredith Thomas; Chas. L. Glasscock, Clerk, and Chas. F. Kinkead, Sheriff, in attendance.

The Court ordered that Charles Freschle be appointed road commissioner in the place of Carl Schaefer, deceased—road district No. 16.

I. W. Whitsett was ordered admitted to the County Infirmary. The following jury was drawn for the February term of the Criminal Court:

Clay Twp.—George Young, Geo. M. Williams and J. E. Hannah.

Davis Twp.—J. M. Elsea, Geo. Edwards, Samuel Wagner.

Dover Twp.—Jesse L. Hitt, John Kaister and Geo. M. Lyons.

Freedom Twp.—J. C. Miller, F. W. Brand and J. H. Weigers.

Lexington Twp.—Geo. Hulver, R. D. Barnett and J. W. Abbott.

Middleton Twp.—August Erdman Jr., R. L. Webb and Harrison Steele.

Snobar Twp.—Geo. Sullivan, Thos. E. Powers and C. J. Edwards.

Washington Twp.—Jas. F. Smith, Chas. McGill and Gilbert Jennings.

The County Court ordered that the Court shall constitute the County Board of Health, with Dr. Frank L. Mann as physician and C. L. Glasscock secretary.

James Jacobs waived his right as administrator of the estate of Samuel McDaniel and Frank R. Howe was appointed in his place.

Zach W. Wright, C. S. Mitchell and D. P. Groves, viewers, and J. K. Gray, engineer, appointed by the Court in the Hicklin Lake drainage ditch matter made final report of location and filed plat showing profile, also exhibits showing assessments of damages and benefits. The final hearing of said report was set for the next regular term of court.

The Court ordered that a stone culvert 16 feet long with good retaining walls be built in S. E. quarter 50, 28, 36. Contract was let to John A. Fulton.

The following grand jurors were drawn for the February term of criminal court:

Clay Twp.—Benjamin R. Gillespie, James A. Gibson.

Davis Twp.—John Hickman, H. C. Sydnor.

Dover Twp.—Jesse L. Groves, E. A. Frerking.

Freedom Twp.—W. W. Downing.

Lexington Twp.—L. J. Shlusser, G. W. Calloway.

Middleton Twp.—H. J. Neiderjohann.

Snobar Twp.—John L. Berry.

Washington Twp.—A. L. Wilcoxson.

The Court appointed J. K. Gray to serve as commissioner of Lafayette county to act in conjunction with a commissioner from Saline county in the location of a road near Waverly.

The Court visited the County Infirmary Thursday and tested the new heating plant. The new plant was found satisfactory and was accepted.

The Court ordered warrant drawn in favor of Charles Paulson for \$1,453.20, balance due on County Infirmary.

Mayview Notes.

Deck Vandiver, of Higginsville, was here last Monday.

Arch Kelley, of Higginsville, was here on business Tuesday.

Bert Taubman spent last Wednesday in Higginsville on business.

Frank Vanarsdale, of Kansas City, is the guest of W. B. Buford this week.

Owen William, who has been sick for sometime is reported to be no better.

Mr. McNeil, of Galena, Kas., spent last Sunday with the family of Wm. L. Smith.

Phares Buchanan, of south Washington, was here last Monday on business.

Kay Waddell made his usual trip to Odessa last Sunday and remained over until Monday.

Wm. Withers, of Texas, came in last Tuesday to visit his mother Mrs. J. W. Withers and other relatives. I

has been twelve years since his last visit.

James Taggart was in town last Monday with a lot of hogs, he sold to the buyers here.

Robt. Chamblin, of Higginsville, spent the first of this week here with Irving Withers.

Wm. P. Keith brought in a nice box of apples which he sent to Grandma Puckett.

Mrs. L. C. Chiles and daughter, Miss Belle Graves went to Lexington last Sunday to stay several days.

Mr. Curtis Clark, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the guest of T. M. Chinn and family Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. T. M. Chinn and daughters spent a few days last week with her mother Mrs. Bettie Benning south of town.

Rev. T. M. Cobb and wife, of Belton, Mo., who have been the guests of Mrs. Bert Taubman, returned home last Thursday.

Julius Dryer went to Kansas City last Monday with stock. He took sick while there at his hotel. Hope that his sickness will not prove serious.

Elder Arthur Downs, the pastor of the Christian church, has changed his preaching to the second and fourth Sundays. So his next appointment will be Sunday the 13th.

Several of the brethren came in last Tuesday and assisted Bro. English in repairing the fences and other work that was necessary in and about the Baptist parsonage.

We understand that the Bell Telephone Co., was here this week in consultation with our Home company looking toward the consolidation of their interest. If by so doing will lessen the fees now charged we say consolidate by all means.

Mrs. Lydia Belle Batt entertained a few of her friends on last Wednesday evening the 2nd. A kind of house warming for the young people of our town, invitations did not extend to the country. Judge Butt and wife seemed to go back a few years as to age and enjoyed the games, which were many.

As the judge is a lover of music he took great interest in the musical program, which was a source of pleasure to all. A general supper was served at about 11 o'clock with desert of whipped cream, cakes and oranges.

Dover Items.

Mrs. Irv. Zeizing is quite sick at her home with lagrippe.

Jesse Groves shipped cattle to Kansas City Wednesday.

Congdon had business in Kansas City the first of the week.

H. L. Edwards, of Corder, was the guest of friends here Sunday.

Earl Kensler returned to St. Louis Thursday, after a few weeks visit with relatives here.

Misses Brightwell, of Lexington, attended the funeral of Edna Shoemaker here last Monday.

Died at her home near Corder Mrs. Ben Lewis. Mrs. Lewis is an aunt of Mrs. M. V. B. Oliver of this place.

Mrs. Charles Gray came down from Kansas City Sunday for a visit with her mother Mrs. Maria Cooper.

Died at the home of her sister Mrs. Dodson 1426 Holmes St., Kansas City, Edna Shoemaker aged 14 years. Interment in the Dover cemetery.

Rev. Coll, of Higginsville, was here Monday morning to conduct the funeral services of Edna Shoemaker. He was accompanied by Mesdames S. A. Vermillion and F. L. McCord.

Married at the Christian church Sunday night, Jan. the 6th, at 8 o'clock by Eld. Stark, Mr. Leonard Vaughn and Miss Bessie Phelps attendants Miss Addie Mary Vaughn and Mr. Willie Harwood. Miss Phelps is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Phelps and is a very sweet and attractive young lady. Mr. Vaughn is the fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vaughn and a more industrious young man could not be found anywhere. They have the best wishes of a host of friends. Will be at home in Dover to friends after Jan. the 15th.

Wellington and Vicinity

(BY "LES-ALMA").

Dr. F. W. Mann was in Lexington Tuesday.

Butch Rosdel had business in Kansas City Monday.

W. R. Carter was in Lexington on business Monday.

Ed Abing is here again, after a few days visit with friends in Rockville, Mo.

C. W. Mitchell and family from near Mayview spent the day with relatives on Wednesday.

Deputy Sheriff J. E. Bryant went to Kansas City for a stay of several days Monday evening.

Jack O. Donnel, of the Bates City vicinity, transacted business here Monday and Tuesday.

C. S. Mitchell and wife came up from Lexington to visit the family of Mrs. L. Boon Sunday.

A new male heir put in his appearance at the home of Charles Nodler Tuesday morning.

City Engineer Joe Wilson, of Lexington, made a survey of a part of the Lanning Harris mine Monday.

M. C. Hammer, of Prior Creek, I. T., visited friends in and near Wellington Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thomas F. Lockhart is having substantial improvements and repairs made on his old residence property in the west end of town.

Miss Mamie Brickman came in from Rockville, Mo., last Friday and will spend the winter with the family of her brother, H. C. Brinkman.

Invitations for a big supper at the I. O. O. F. hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 23, are being sent to friends by the members of the Modern Brotherhood of America.

An inventory of the general merchandise stock of A. F. Oberhelman recently sold to William Nieberger of near Lawrence, Kansas, is being taken this week.

Miss Susie Summers, of Odessa, Grand State Lecturer, will be in Wellington to organize a I. O. O. F. Rebekah Lodge there being about sixty members to be taken in.

Miss Lucy Waller left Sunday to resume her study at the Warrensburg Normal, after spending the holiday rest with her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Waller of Egypt Bottom.

The prize of 100 pounds sugar offered by R. L. Mann to the one of his patrons guessing nearest to the number of seeds in a big pumpkin, resulted in a tie, there being 851 seeds. Nine persons guessed 850 and one 852.

A number of their friends were delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. William Brown at their home in this city on Wednesday evening, Jan. 9th, in honor of the 19th birthday of Miss Pearl Brown of Warsaw, Mo., sister of the host.

The Life Courtous.

Los Angeles Times:

One of the great questions still to be solved is how to make life more bearable by filling it with those little common courtesies that should go with the every day relations between people as they move along the highway of life together. It is the little courtesies that we have learned, as human beings, to extend to one another that, almost more than anything else, make life worth living. Bad manners and bad breeding are among the offenses that make the way we travel the harder to endure. And the worst of it is that men appear to be no better in this respect now than they were before they had books to read, forks to eat with and street cars to ride in.

Jap Studying Finance.

Among the young Japanese who have been studying American life and institutions during the past few years is Koss Hayashi, of Tokio, Japan, who is the son of an eminent financier of the island kingdom. After completing a course of study at the Iowa college and the University of the City of New York, he is studying Wall street. He also has visited Washington to get a line on Uncle Sam's methods of taking care of his money.

R. W. Mitchell went to Springfield, Ark., Wednesday evening on business.